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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" dated December 6, 2001, having a 2-month term that expired on February 6, 2002. A Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time up to and including May 6, 2002, together with authorization to charge the requisite extension fee due, is hereby made. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel the Sequence Listing beginning on a separate page after the Abstract and insert in place thereof the enclosed Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Pursuant to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" dated please find enclosed the following:

1. An original executed Declaration for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application; and